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REP. MATSUI STATEMENT ON WAR WITH IRAQ

WASHINGTON, DC-*Today Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-CA) made the following statement on the commencement of war with Iraq:*

"There is no heavier burden for a nation than to send its young men and women into military conflict. I join all Americans in praying for a speedy victory and for the safety of our troops.

"These brave men and women are risking their lives to defend our freedoms and our nation's security. We admire their courage and honor the selfless sacrifice they are making on our behalf. Families across America are shouldering the burden of this conflict as they bid goodbye to the husbands, wives, sons, and daughters who are going into harm's way in the Middle East. We stand with those families and look forward with them to the safe return of their loved ones.

"The United States is proud of its men and women in uniform. They are the best trained, best equipped, finest fighting force in the history of the world. We know they will act honorably, taking every precaution to protect the lives of innocent civilians, and we are certain they will prevail in the mission that they have been ordered to undertake. Our troops and those who lead them should know that we are united in supporting them as they face the risks and uncertainties that await them during the conflict and beyond."

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